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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

5   1.   A method of receiving a document by a party, the party having a set of policies, the method comprising the steps of:

        receiving the document;

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        automatically determining whether the document contains at least one standardized specification conformance statement; and

15   automatically verifying, if the document contains the at least one standardized specification conformance statement, that information relating to the statement is conformant to the standardized specification as well as to the set of policies of the party.

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    2.   The method of Claim 1 wherein the verifying step includes the step of accessing the standardized specification and the policies for verification.

25 3.   The method of Claim 1 wherein the verifying step includes the step of accessing a conformance model for verification.

    4.   The method of Claim 3 wherein the conformance model

30   includes at least one conformance statement required in the document.

5. The method of Claim 3 wherein the conformance model includes a plurality of conformance statements in a sequence that is required to be in the document in the same sequence.

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6. A computer program product on a computer readable medium for facilitating a party to receive a document, the party having a set of policies, the computer program product comprising:

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code means for receiving the document;

code means for automatically determining whether the document contains at least one standardized specification conformance statement; and

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code means for automatically verifying, if the document contains the at least one standardized specification conformance statement, that information relating to the statement is conformant to the standardized specification as well as to the set of policies of the party.

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7. The computer program product of Claim 6 wherein the verifying code means includes code means for accessing the standardized specification and the policies for verification.

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8. The computer program product of Claim 6 wherein the verifying code means includes code means for accessing a conformance model for verification.

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9. The computer program product of Claim 8 wherein the conformance model includes at least one conformance statement required in the document.

5   10. The computer program product of Claim 8 wherein the conformance model includes a plurality of conformance statements in a sequence that is required to be in the document in the same sequence.

10 11. An apparatus for receiving a document by a party, the party having a set of policies, the apparatus comprising:

    means for receiving the document;

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    means for automatically determining whether the document contains at least one standardized specification conformance statement; and

20 means for automatically verifying, if the document contains the at least one standardized specification conformance statement, that information relating to the statement is conformant to the standardized specification as well as to the set of policies of the 25 party.

12. The apparatus of Claim 11 wherein the verifying means includes means for accessing the standardized specification and the policies for verification.

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13. The apparatus of Claim 11 wherein the verifying means includes means for accessing a conformance model for verification.

14. The apparatus of Claim 13 wherein the conformance model includes at least one conformance statement required in the document.

15. The apparatus of Claim 13 wherein the conformance model includes a plurality of conformance statements in a sequence that is required to be in the document in the same sequence.

16. A system for receiving a document by a party, the party having a set of policies, the system comprising:

at least one storage device for storing code data; and

at least one processor for processing the code data to receive the document, to automatically determine whether the document contains at least one standardized specification conformance statement, and to automatically verify, if the document contains the at least one standardized specification conformance statement, that information relating to the statement is conformant to the standardized specification as well as to the set of policies of the party.

17. The system of Claim 16 wherein the code is further processed to access the standardized specification and the policies for verification.

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18. The system of Claim 16 wherein the code is further processed to access a conformance model for verification.

5   19. The system of Claim 18 wherein the conformance model includes at least one conformance statement required in the document.

20. The system of Claim 18 wherein the conformance model
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